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## Funding Alert Changes

**Funding Alert Subscriptions.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* is pleased to announce a new and improved method to subscribe to and receive the weekly Funding Alert. OPGD is using the same DC.Gov program that the Mayor's Office and several other DC government agencies use to distribute their newsletters. Now subscribers will receive a weekly e-mail notification that the newest issue of Funding Alert is available on the OPGD website, with a link to that page. Archived issues may be found at this link, as well. All current subscribers have automatically had their subscriptions transferred to this system. New subscribers will need to register with DC.Gov and subscribe at DCDocs (<http://dc.gov/registration/dcdocs.asp>) in order to be added to the Funding Alert distribution list.

## Special Announcement

**Pre-Application Conference for Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI).** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* will host a pre-application conference for its 2004-2005 SPI program on May 14, 2004, 10:00am-noon, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Room 1117 South, Washington, DC 20001. The conference is free but registration is required by May 12. To register for the conference or for additional information, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

## Federal Opportunities

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - State Capacity Building Mini-Grants.** *The Department*

*of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Community Services (OCS)* announces funds to help State CSBG Lead Agencies and State CAA Associations collect and submit electronically, information that supports the new national community action performance indicators. Eligible applicants include State Community Action Agencies, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations. The deadline for application is June 21, 2004. Approximately \$250,000 is available to fund 10 awards of up to \$25,000. For further information, contact Dr. Margaret Washnitzer at 1-800-281-9519 or [OCS@lcgnet.com](mailto:OCS@lcgnet.com); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-10088.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance Program - Homeland Security.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Community Services (OCS)* announces funds for training, technical assistance, planning, evaluation, performance measurement, monitoring, to assist states in carrying out corrective actions and to correct programmatic deficiencies of eligible entities, and for reporting and data collection activities related to programs or projects carried out under the CSBG Act. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations (other than institutions of higher education), community- and faith-based organizations, and for profit organizations (other than small businesses). The deadline for applications is June 3, 2004. Approximately \$200,000 is available to make one award. For further information, contact Margaret Washnitzer, DHHS/ACF/OCS,

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Operations Center, 1815 Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, [lmatos@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:lmatos@acf.hhs.gov), or (202) 401-9343; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-10087.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance Program - Disease Prevention and Health Collaboration.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Community Services (OCS)* announces funds to promote greater collaboration within the Community Services Network to address the special disease prevention and health promotion needs of low-income minority populations. Eligible applicants include Community Services Block Grant eligible entities, State Community Action Associations including faith-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004. Approximately \$100,000 is available to make two awards. For further information, contact Margaret Washnitzer, DHHS/ACF/OCS, Operations Center, 1815 Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, [lmatos@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:lmatos@acf.hhs.gov), or (202) 401-9343; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-10089.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance Program - Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance and Crisis Aversion Intervention.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Community Services (OCS)* announces funds to provide coordinated, timely peer-to-peer technical assistance and crisis aversion intervention for CSBG eligible entities which have been identified as being "at risk" because they are experiencing programmatic, administrative, board, and/or fiscal management problems that, without remediation, may jeopardize their ability to address the antipoverty needs of low-income families and their community. Eligible applicants include Community Services Block Grant eligible entities, State Community Action Associations including faith-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for

applications is June 18, 2004. Approximately \$500,000 is available to make one award. For further information, contact Margaret Washnitzer, DHHS/ACF/OCS, Operations Center, 1815 Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, [lmatos@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:lmatos@acf.hhs.gov), or (202) 401-9343; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-10090.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance Program - National Academy for Program Administration and Financial Management.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Community Services (OCS)* announces funds to provide training in program administration and financial management to CSBG eligible entities. Eligible applicants include Community Services Block Grant eligible entities, State Community Action Associations including faith-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004. Approximately \$250,000 is available to make one award. For further information, contact Margaret Washnitzer, DHHS/ACF/OCS, Operations Center, 1815 Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, [lmatos@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:lmatos@acf.hhs.gov), or (202) 401-9343; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-10091.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance Program - State Technology Collaborations.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Community Services (OCS)* announces funds to develop and implement coordinated community planning, funding, and service delivery strategies that utilize technology to facilitate cross-program coordination and accountability. Eligible applicants include Community Services Block Grant eligible entities, State Community Action Associations including faith-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004. Approximately \$250,000 is available to make two awards. For further information, contact Margaret Washnitzer, DHHS/ACF/OCS, Operations

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Center, 1815 Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, [lmatos@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:lmatos@acf.hhs.gov), or (202) 401-9343; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-10084.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance Program – Virtual CAA Information Exchange.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Community Services (OCS)* announces funds to support the continued availability of technical assistance through a national community action web-site that describes successful programs and practices of state and local agencies. Eligible applicants include Community Services Block Grant eligible entities, State Community Action Associations including faith-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004. Approximately \$50,000 is available to make one award. For further information, contact Margaret Washnitzer, DHHS/ACF/OCS, Operations Center, 1815 Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209, [lmatos@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:lmatos@acf.hhs.gov), or (202) 401-9343; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-10085.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Conference Support Grant Program for Family Planning Public Education and Information Activities.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds for family planning public education and information conference support. Eligible applicants include any public or nonprofit private entity located in a state, including DC, and faith-based organizations. The deadline for application is July 6, 2004. Approximately \$300,000 is available to fund 3-5 awards, ranging from \$30,000-\$80,000. For further information, contact Karen Campbell, Office of Grants Management, Office of Public Health and Science, DHHS, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 550, Rockville, MD 20852, (301)-594-0758, or [Kcampbell@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:Kcampbell@osophs.dhhs.gov); or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-10451.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Grant Program.** *Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service (IRS)* announces funds to award organizations matching grants for the development, expansion, or continuation of qualified low-income taxpayer clinics. Eligible applicants include accredited law schools, business schools, and nonprofit organizations that provides pro bono representation to low income taxpayers in federal tax disputes or education and outreach to taxpayers for whom English is a second language. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2004. Approximately \$6 million is available to make matching grants of up to \$100,000 each. For further information, contact the LITC Program Office at 404-338-7185 or [LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov](mailto:LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-9739.txt>.

**Summer School in the Arts.** *The National Endowment for the Arts* announces funds to raise the quality and availability of arts education in communities nationwide for children and youth to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts. Through rigorous, challenging arts education programs that occur during the summer, children and youth will acquire knowledge and skills in the arts, develop effective study habits, and gain lifelong interests in the arts and culture. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, and state and local government entities. The deadline for Statements of Interests is June 7, 2004. Approximately 50 grants are to be awarded, ranging from \$15,000-\$35,000. For further information, contact NEA at (202) 682-5579; or go to: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/SummerSchools.html>.

**Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities--Technology and Standards-Based Reform.** *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to: improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration and use of technology; support educational media activities designed to be of educational value to children with disabilities; and provide support for some captioning, video description, and cultural activities. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, institutions of higher education, state educational agencies (SEAs), and local educational agencies (LEAs). The deadline for applications is June 7, 2004. Approximately \$1.2

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million is available for 4 awards, ranging from \$200,000-\$300,000. For further information, contact Dave Malouf at (202) 205-8111; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-10003.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

## District Opportunities

**Crime Victims Assistance Grant (VOCA).** *The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA)* announces funds to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance and services necessary to speed their restoration after a criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process. Eligible applicants are nonprofit and public organizations in DC that provide direct services to crime victims. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available at 9:00am on May 17, 2004, and may be picked up at the front desk of the ODMPSJ/JGA, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Christine Brooks-Cropper, Program Manager, ODMPSJ/JGA, at (202) 727-0941 or [christine.cropper@dc.gov](mailto:christine.cropper@dc.gov).

**Juvenile Justice Challenge Activities Grants.** *The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA)* announces funds for increasing aftercare services for juveniles in the justice system by establishing programs and developing and adopting policies to provide comprehensive health, mental health, education, family, and vocational services to youth upon release from the juvenile justice system. Eligible applicants include units of general local government, District of Columbia agencies or qualified community-based organizations located in DC. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available at 9:00am on May 17, 2004, and may be picked up at the front desk of the ODMPSJ/JGA, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Nakeisha Neal, Juvenile Justice Specialist, ODMPSJ/JGA, at (202) 727-9541 or [nakeisha.neal@dc.gov](mailto:nakeisha.neal@dc.gov).

**The Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Grant.** *The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA)* announces funds to promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary community response to combating violence against women. The goal of the STOP Program is to encourage collaborative efforts between members of the law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, and private, nonprofit victim services agencies to address the issues of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Eligible applicants are District agencies and offices; public or private nonprofit organization; units of local government; nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services programs; and legal services programs that provide services to violence against women or provide a function/service to law enforcement, prosecution and/or court agency to promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary community response to combating violence against women. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available at 9:00am on May 17, 2004, and may be picked up at the front desk of the ODMPSJ/JGA, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Christine Brooks-Cropper, Program Manager, ODMPSJ/JGA, at (202) 727-0941 or [christine.cropper@dc.gov](mailto:christine.cropper@dc.gov).

**Title II Juvenile Justice Grants.** *The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA)* announces funds for delinquency prevention, efforts to ensure that minority youth do not disproportionate contact with the juvenile justice system, advocacy focused on improving services for and protecting the rights of youth affected by the juvenile justice system and aftercare services for youth leaving the juvenile justice system. Eligible applicants include units of general local government, District of Columbia agencies and qualified community-based organizations located in DC. The deadline for applications is June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available at 9:00am on May 17, 2004, and may be picked up at the front desk of the ODMPSJ/JGA, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327, Washington, DC 20004. For further information, contact Nakeisha Neal, Juvenile Justice Specialist, ODMPSJ/JGA, at (202) 727-9541 or [nakeisha.neal@dc.gov](mailto:nakeisha.neal@dc.gov).



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**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,586841,opgdNav,33041.asp>.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Grants-in-Aid to Organizations Program*, May 20, 2004.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ)/Justice Grants Administration (JGA), Byrne Formula Block Grant Program*, May 21, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ)/Justice Grants Administration (JGA), Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program*, May 21, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ)/Justice Grants Administration (JGA), Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program*, May 21, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ)/Justice Grants Administration (JGA), Victim Assistance Fund*, May 21, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), City Arts Projects*, May 27, 2004.

*The DC Department of Health (DOH)/Environmental Health Administration (EHA), Watershed Protection Project Grants*, May 28, 2004, at 4:45pm.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Arts Learning & Outreach: Arts Education Projects*, June 3, 2004.

*The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA), No Child Left Behind Supplemental Educational Services Program FY 2004-2005*, June 4, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*Serve DC, K-12 Learn and Serve America School-Based Grants*, June 8, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), The East of the River Arts Initiative (EOR)*, June 9, 2004.

*The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates*, June 25, September 24, and December 30, 2004.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Folk and Traditional Arts Mini Grants*, September 2, 2004, at 6:00pm.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Arts Learning and Outreach: Teacher Mini-Grant Program*, September 30, 2004, at 6:00pm.

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)*, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D)*, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

### **Adolescent Girls in the U.S. Jewish Community.**

*The Hadassah Foundation* is dedicated to refocusing the priorities of the Jewish community through innovative and creative funding for women and girls. Its mission is to improve the status, health, and well being of women and girls; bring their contributions, issues, and needs from the margins to the center of Jewish concern; and encourage and facilitate their active participation in decision-making and leadership in all spheres of life. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for online Letters of Inquiry (LOI) is June 15, 2004. Grants range from \$25,000-\$100,000. For further information, go to:

<http://www.hadassah.org/pageframe.asp?section=about&page=foundation/foundation.html&header=hadfoundation&size=50>.

**Community Support.** *Lands' End* supports programs of interest to their employees. Funding is granted in the areas of education, community development, the environment, health, and human services. Eligible applicants are nonprofit

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organizations in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and New York, with preference placed on the communities where the company's headquarters, manufacturing and phone operations, and retail stores are located. The remaining donations are awarded to charities across the U.S. There are no deadlines for online applications. For further information and to access the application, go to:  
[http://www.landsend.com/cd/fp/help/0,,1\\_36877\\_36883\\_37029\\_00.html?sid=6840026050938193170#criteria](http://www.landsend.com/cd/fp/help/0,,1_36877_36883_37029_00.html?sid=6840026050938193170#criteria).

**Health Literacy.** *Pfizer Inc., as a member of the Partnership for Clear Health Communication*, is seeking proposals for short-term research projects (e.g. 6-12 months) that address whether use of Ask Me 3, the Partnership's patient education tool designed to promote communication between health care providers and patients, is accepted and used by patients and providers. Eligible applicants include principal investigators affiliated with nonprofit institutions such as universities, colleges, hospitals, clinics, professional associations, practice-based research networks, or units of the federal, state, or local government. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2004. Awards of up to \$70,000 are available. For further information, go to:  
[http://www.clearhealthcommunication.org/partnerships\\_awards.html](http://www.clearhealthcommunication.org/partnerships_awards.html).

**Innovative Models of Health and Healthcare.** *The VHA Health Foundation* offers funds through Creating Better Health Through Innovation. This initiative is designed to implement or enhance promising health and healthcare initiatives at the local level. With this call for proposals, the foundation is embarking on a new path of finding, funding, and disseminating innovative health and healthcare programs. Eligible applicants include U.S. healthcare providers, including hospitals, healthcare systems, clinics, and medical practices. Local partnerships are encouraged to apply, with a healthcare provider serving as the lead. The deadline for applications is June 22, 2004. Matching grants of \$100,000-\$250,000 are available. For further information, go to:  
<http://www.vhahealthfoundation.org/vhahf/callforproposals.asp>.

**Obesity Prevention.** *CareFirst BlueCross*

*BlueShield (CFBCBS)* announces funds for its Shape Up. . . Live Well Obesity Prevention Initiative. The primary goal of this initiative is to prevent obesity and its associated health risks in adults and children through innovative programs that promote physical activity and/or a healthy lifestyle. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations within DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia that have health and wellness programs that address obesity prevention. The deadline for applications is May 11, 2004. Approximately \$500,000 is available to make grants ranging from \$10,000-\$50,000. For further information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact CFBCBS at (410) 998-5669 or [obesityrfp@carefirst.com](mailto:obesityrfp@carefirst.com); or go to:  
[http://www.abagmd.org/usr\\_doc/obesityrfp.pdf](http://www.abagmd.org/usr_doc/obesityrfp.pdf).

**Public Television Outreach Projects.** *The National Center for Outreach (NCO)* works to assist public television stations in providing meaningful outreach to local communities, helping to foster and deepen existing community partnerships. NCO is offering Connector Grants to help stations pursue sustainable outreach projects. The program has the following goals: to facilitate long-term initiative centered around local community issues; to build station outreach impact and visibility over time; to foster sustainable long-term partnerships and build audiences; and to maximize efforts and resources, linking several activities over a period of time. Eligible applicants include public television stations. The deadline for applications is July 20, 2004. Approximately 10-12 grants of \$12,000 each are available. For further information, application guidelines, project ideas, and details on informational audio conferences, go to:  
<http://www.nationaloutreach.org/Grants/Connector/Index.html>.

**Wetlands Conservation.** *The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* provides matching grants through its North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant program. Funds are given to conserve wetlands and wetlands-dependent fish and wildlife through acquisition (including easements and land title donations), restoration and/or enhancements. See application for eligible application criteria. The deadline for applications is July 30, 2004. Standard grants are between \$51,000-\$1 million. Grants must be matched on a 1:1 basis. For further information,

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contact David Buie at (301) 497-5870 or [david\\_buie@fws.gov](mailto:david_buie@fws.gov); or go to: <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov/NAWCA/grants.htm>.

## Resources & Announcements

**REMINDER. New Federal Grant Application Requirement.** *The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)* has directed all federal agencies to require all federal grant applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements. The DUNS number, which will help to improve the statistical reporting of federal grants and cooperative agreements, will be required whether an applicant is submitting a paper or electronic application. DUNS numbers are required as of October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 and indicating you are a federal grant applicant. You can also visit their website for more information <http://www.dnb.com/us/>.

**Conference Scholarships.** *The International City/County Management Association (ICMA)* will sponsor a limited number of full and partial scholarships for individuals interested in attending the EPA/ICMA's Brownfields 2004: Gateway to Revitalization conference in St. Louis, MO, September 20-22, 2004. This annual event focuses on brownfields cleanup and redevelopment through interactive discussions, educational presentations, and networking opportunities with business, government, and nonprofit organizations working on brownfields redevelopment. Eligible applicants include individuals affiliated with or representative of a local government, community organization, environmental justice organization, or nonprofit entity demonstrating need. The deadline for application is June 1, 2004. For further information and to access the application, go to: <http://www.brownfields2004.org/en/index.aspx>.

**Foundation Governance.** *The Center For Effective Philanthropy* undertakes focused research studies on issues impacting philanthropy, with a special emphasis on those topics of concern to senior foundation executives and trustees. The Center is currently conducting research exploring foundation

board governance, the first phase of which was a look at foundation governance from the CEO viewpoint. Findings from the 129 respondents, including responses to recent media and legislative scrutiny, are summarized in *Foundation Governance: the CEO Viewpoint*. To review this report, go to: <http://www.effectivephilanthropy.com/research/>.

**Foundation Information.** *The Foundation Center* offers a basic orientation to The Foundation Directory Online, a comprehensive Web-based subscription database of grantmaker and grant records. Learn how to create customized searches to develop targeted lists of foundations that will match your organization's funding needs. The session takes place at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC, from noon-1:00pm, on May 26, 2004. Please note: a guided practice session will be offered after this class. On June 24, 2004, the Foundation Center will offer a special program on finding arts funders using The Foundation Directory Online. For further information, call (202) 331-1400; or go to: <http://www.fdncenter.org/washington/fdonlinedc.html>.

**Giving Circle Study.** *New Ventures in Philanthropy* is searching the U.S. to locate giving circles and understand how they work. People in a giving circle pool their charitable dollars in a fund and decide as a group which nonprofits to support. Giving circles range from groups of friends who put their money into a designated bank account, to hundreds of people who may let a local community foundation manage their money. Anyone who knows of a giving circle, large or small, is asked to contact New Ventures so it can compile a nationwide database. The group aims to study how various forms and functions of different giving circles affect their operations. At the end of the project, the group plans to highlight giving circle practices that work well and identify missing resources. For further information, contact New Ventures in Philanthropy at (410) 727-1205 x 211 or write to [trutnik@abagmd.org](mailto:trutnik@abagmd.org) and type "giving circle study" in the subject line.

**Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).** *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite

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200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

**Speakout For Your Health!** *The Consumer Health Foundation (CHF)* will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and First Community Speakout to discuss the state of health and healthcare in the metro DC area and what we can do to improve our community's health. Join WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi, your neighbors, and local representatives on June 9, 2004, at The George Washington University Marvin Center, Grand Ballroom. Registration, reception, and community exhibits will start at 4pm. The Speakout will take place from 5-7pm. For more information, contact Jacquelyn A. Brown, Program Officer, CHF, at [jbrown@consumerhealthfdn.org](mailto:jbrown@consumerhealthfdn.org); or go to: [www.consumerhealthfdn.org](http://www.consumerhealthfdn.org).

**Spring 2004 DMH Training Institute Series.** *The DC Department of Mental Health (DMH)/Office of Programs, Policy & Planning* will host a training institute to provide a systematic approach and fundamental framework for increasing participants' knowledge and technical skills about human services practice, cultural competence, clinical research trends and social justice issues facing providers, consumers, and their family members within DC. The training is free but space is limited. For further information, contact Dr. Juan Carlos Lovelace, Coordinator, Office of Programs, Policy & Planning, at [juan.lovelace@dc.gov](mailto:juan.lovelace@dc.gov), (202) 673-1930-fax, or (202) 673-7759.

**Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).** *The DC State Education Office's (SEO) Special Nutrition and Commodities (SNAC) Unit* is recruiting organizations that would like to become sponsors for the 2004 SFSP. The program reimburses organizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines to provide meals to eligible District children (18 years or younger) and some people with disabilities.

Eligible applicants include public or private nonprofit schools, housing authorities and government agencies, community- and faith-based organizations, and nonprofit day/overnight summer camps. The deadline for applications is May 14, 2004. For further information, contact SEO at (202) 727-6436; or go to:

[http://seo.dc.gov/services/food\\_nutrition/sfsp.shtm](http://seo.dc.gov/services/food_nutrition/sfsp.shtm).

**Technology Resources.** *The TechFoundation* has extended the deadline and is now accepting self-nominations for its TechGrants Spring 2004 Awards. Now nominations are due by May 15, 2004. Approximately \$25,000 will be awarded to six nonprofits that have shown leadership in the innovative use of technology. The Foundation also offers several programs to help alleviate the Nonprofit Digital Divide, including the TechGrants program. TechGrants is a newsletter and grant program that provides nonprofits with access to capital to help fulfill their technology needs. For further information on TechFoundation and its current awards program, go to:

<http://www.techfoundation.org/techgrants>.

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